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SUBJ: DANISH VIEWS ON US POSITIONS IN LOS CONFERENCE

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1. BENT KILLERICH, CHIEF OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS WITHIN MFA'S LEGAL DIVISION, BRIEFED POLCOUNS ON DANES' REACTION TO U.S. LOS POSITIONS AS SET OUT REFTEL. KILLERICH PREFACED AND CONCLUDED HIS REMARKS BY EMPHASIZING THAT THE REAL DANISH LOS EXPERTS ARE IN GENEVA AND THAT THE MOST MEANINGFUL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE U.S. SHOULD TAKE PLACE THERE.

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- 2. KILLERICH SAID THAT FOR THE MOST PART THE DANES AGREE WITH THE U.S. POSITIONS, PARTICULARLY WITH THOS CONCERNING DEEP SEABED MINING.
- 3. RE NAVIGATION AND SECURITY INTERESTS BEYOND THE 12 MILE TERRITORIAL LIMIT, THE DANES DIFFER WITH THE AMERICANS. THE DANES SUPPORT COASTAL-STATE JURISDICTION OVER THE "HIGH" SEAS

RATHER THAN THE EXERCISE OF TRADITIONAL NAVIGATIONAL FREEDOMS.

4. FISHERIES. DENMARK AGREES WITH THE U.S. POSITION, BUT QUESTIONS THE ABSENCE OF THE ADJECTIVE "DEVELOPING" IN AMB-ASSADOR RICHARDSON'S STATEMENT ON THE "LANDLOCKED AND GEO-GRAPHICALLY DISADVANTAGED STATES" (LL/GDS). KILLERICH SAID THAT THE DANES SUPPORT THE CONCEPT OF PERMANENT AND RECIPRO-CAL AGREEMENTS TO BE MADE WITH THE LL/GDS, BUT COULD NOT ENDORSE PROPOSALS TO CONFER THE ADVANTAGES SUCH AGREEMENTS WOULD ENTAIL ON "DEVELOPED" LANDLOCKED STATES. HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT DENMARK WOULD NATURALLY HAVE TO DEMURE TO ANY LOS POSITION ON FISHING THAT DID NOT TRACK WITH EUROPEAN COMMUNITY POSITIONS.

5. CONTINENTAL SHELF. THE DANES DO NOT AGREE TO A DEFINITION OF THE "OUTER LIMITS" OF THE COASTAL STATE JURISDICTION OVER THE CONTINENTAL MARGIN AS LESS THAN THE CONTINENTAL MARGIN.

6. MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. DENMARK SUPPORTS THE IDEA OF COASTAL STATE REGIMES GIVING IMPLIED CONSENT TO THE CONDUCT OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN THE ECONOMIC ZONE AND ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF.

7. IN CLOSING THE DISCUSSION, KILLERICH STATED THAT THE DANES WANT TO DO ALL POSSIBLE TO SECURE A VIABLE LOS AGREEMENT. THEY FEAR THE CHAOS AND CONFLICT THAT WOULD RESULT IF AN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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